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SUBJECT: RECONVENING OF CCD

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1. FOLLOWING OUR NOTIFICATION TO FONOFF APRIL 3 OF CONVENING OF CCD APRIL 16, RESPONSIBLE OFFICE DIRECTOR (FONTANA GIUSTI) CALLED EMBOFF TO GIVE PRELIMINIARY THINKING ON UPCOMING SESSION. FONTANA'S MAIN CONCERN WAS AGAIN APPREHENSION THAT FURTHER LACK OF PROGRESS IN CCD FRAMEWORK WILL RESULT IN ADDITIONAL PRESSURE TO DISBAND ORGANIZATION AND/OR TO SHIFT DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS TO OTHER FORA. THIS IS WORRY WE HAVE HEARD REPEATEDLY FROM FONTANA IN THE PAST AND IS PART OF ARGUMENTATION ADVANCED IN SUPPORT OF ITALIAN DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN WDC STUDY COMMITTEE.

2. AS TO AGENDA FOR NEXT CCD SESSION, FONTANA EXPECTED THAT CW AND CTB WOULD ONCE MORE BE AT TOP OF LIST ALTHOUGH HE HAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT MAKING ANY PROGRESS IN EITHER AREA. ON CW, ITALIANS ARE WAITING FOR PROMISED US PAPER AND WOULD WELCOME CONFIDENTIAL

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OPPORTUNITY FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BEFORE IT IS FORMALLY

TABLED. FONOFF STILL HAS QUALMS ABOUT PARTIAL TREATY WHCIH WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST COUNTRIES SUCH AS ITALY WHICH LACK MAJOR STOCKPILES OF CW WEAPONS. SUCH DISCRIMINATIONS, FONTANA ASSERTED, WOULD RESULT IN PSYCHOLOGICAL AND EVEN POLITICAL PRESSURE ON DOMESTIC SCENE WHICH GOI WOULD LIKE TO AVOID. PARENTHETICALLY, FONTANA NOTED THAT SUCH PRESSURES ARE ALSO OPERATIVE WITH RESPECT TO DISCRIMINATION INHERENT IN NPT WHERE ITALY IS ASKED TO PERMANENTLY RENOUNCE NUCLEAR CAPABILITY WHILE OTHER EUROPEAN POWERS WITH FORCE IN BEING (UK AND FRANCE) ARE LARGELY UNAFFECTED BY THE TREATY. NONETHELESS, HE ADDED, ITALY HAS SIGNED NPT AND WILL HONOR ITS COMMITTMENT TO RATIFY.

3. FONTANA SAID THAT ITALIANS DID NOT HAVE ANY NEW PROPOSALS TO SURFACE AT CCD. HE ADDED THAT DI BERNARDO OF GENEVA OFFICE WOULD HEAD ITALIAN DELEGATION TO NEXT SESSION.VOLPE

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